

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Satoshi YASHIRO et al. ) : Examiner: Duy M. Dang  
Application No.: 10/618,050 ) : Group Art Unit: 2624  
Filed: July 14, 2003 ) : Confirmation No.: 6914  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD : March 10, 2009

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner For Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows: